

June 24, 2009

The Stonington Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting on this date at the Stonington Police Station at 7:00 p.m. Present were First Selectman Edward Haberek, Selectman William Brown and Selectman Peter Balestracci. Also present were members of the public and press.

(1) Call to Order

Mr. Haberek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

(2) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously to approve the June 10, 2009 minutes as distributed.

(3) Citations

- a. Mr. Haberek presented Sarah Emery with a Citation in recognition of her being selected as a member of the Softball All-State Team.
- b. Mr. Haberek presented the Stonington High School Softball Team in recognition of them winning the ECC Division Championship.

(4) Comments from the Public

- Ms. Gail Shea inquired as to what procedures will be followed with respect to PZC openings and whether there would be advertising and interviews.
- Mr. Vincent Faulise inquired as to whether there was any progress with regard to the Permanent Committee to Study the Needs of Use of Town Public Buildings and to the status of West Broad Street School.

(5) Correspondence

- a. Mr. Haberek took in the revised Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Plan as correspondence for Mr. Balestracci and Mr. Brown to review.
- b. Mr. Haberek took in correspondence from Chief Darren Stewart requesting the revised Ordinance Re: Oversized Vehicle Traffic be presented at a Town Meeting.
- c. Mr. Haberek took in as correspondence from Alisa Morrison, A. Gardner Young, Michael Blair, Carlene Donnarummo regarding Rob Marseglia, Josh Lyons, Penny Vlahos, Rob Marseglia, Ben Tamsky and John Prue all of who are interested in filling the vacant position on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

(6) Appointments/Reappointments

Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public Buildings

A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously to reappoint Charles Ballato to the Permanent Committee to Study the Needs and Use of Town Public Buildings, as requested in his letter to the First Selectman's office.

Stonington Harbor Management Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted unanimously to reappoint John T. Gorby to the Stonington Harbor Management Commission, as requested in his letter to Mr. Haberek.

(7) New Business

Stonington Historical Society

Mr. Haberek presented an Application for Use of Town Property from the Stonington Historical Society requesting permission to use the Town Dock parking lot and adjacent grass area for overflow parking for the music events held at SHS Lighthouse at Stonington Point.

A motion was made by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously to approve the use of the Stonington Town Dock for overflow parking.

Braking the Cycle

Mr. Haberek presented correspondence from Braking the Cycle requesting permission for the use of town owned roads on September 11, 2009. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted unanimously to allow Braking the Cycle to use town owned roads.

Bid Award: Highway Mower

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted unanimously to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Pat's Power Equipment.

Bid Award: Town Hall/Public Works Garage Projects

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Balestracci and voted unanimously to award the bid to Service Station Equipment.

Projects Update

A motion was by Mr. Balestracci, seconded by Mr. Brown and voted unanimously to have the projects update heard before comments from the public.

Mr. Haberek briefly talked about the status of various projects including the Pawcatuck Streetscape, Town Dock South Pier, Donahue Park, Mystic Streetscape, Mystic Seaport Transportation Study, Senior Center and Spellman Park restrooms.

Comments from Public

- Mrs. Fran O'Neil stated that the whole area at the intersection of Rt. 1 and Rt. 237 should be taken out and redone with real bricks.
- Mrs. O'Neil asked why Pawcatuck didn't get any stimulus money and voiced concern with regard to West Broad Street School.
- Mrs. O'Neil asked what will happen to the buildings downtown and the status of the animal shelter.
- Mrs. O'Neil asked if the Planning & Zoning members are from all parts of town or from various areas.
- Mr. Vincent Faulise asked about the stimulus funding and whether it would have been available for the elevator at the West Broad Street School and whether any other applicants have come forward at the shopping center where Stop & Shop and the movie theater is.
- Mr. Don Sadosky expressed concern over having McDonald's in the shopping center if it does not conform to the New England style of design.
- Mr. Sadosky asked about what will happen to the PZC position if Rob Marseglia gets elected to the Board of Education and whether you can serve on both boards.
- Mr. Sadosky expressed concern over Mr. Blair becoming a member of the PZC as he is a local area realtor and how we could ensure that he would recuse himself on matters that involved him or his business.
- Ms. Gail Shea expressed concern that there is grass growing up out of the Pawcatuck Streetscape sidewalks and whether the Town is prepared to take care of it.
- Ms. Shea also inquired as to whether there would be a workshop held with regard to the Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Plan as recommended by the Town Attorney.
- Mr. Edward Purcell wanted to voice his strong opposition to placing any realtor on the PZC.

- Mrs. Tracy Swain voiced her continued concern with the Bus Contract going out to bid and it was decided by the Board of Selectmen to ask the Board of Education attorney as well as the Town Attorney to research her complaint and come back with a finding.
- There was a brief discussion with regard to forming an Ethics Commission and the steps for filing a complaint.

(8)Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Bell
Recording Secretary